THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that 247 posts of Head Clerks have been converted into Special Assistants in different branches/offices of the bank since 1992-93. However, 13 Head Clerks are not converted to Special Assistants, as they have not opted for such conversion.

(c) to (e) State Bank of Indore has further reported that no employee of the bank has submitted option for conversion during 1999-2000. However, one more chance for exercising such option was given during 2000-2001 and the last date for exercising the option was 1-1-2001.

Delay in granting pension to the employees of State Bank of Indore

627. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether acceptance of pension number of the employees has been allotted by the Pension Department to the concerned employees of the State Bank of Indore;

(b) if so, the details including the names of employees;

(c) whether the Officers responsible for delay in forwarding the cases of pension to the Head Office have been identified by the Bank; and

(d) if so, the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) State Bank of Indore has reported that Pension Registration No. has been allotted by the Pension Department to 24 employees, whose pension options were forwarded with delay to the Head Office, with registration No. 5086 to 5109. The bank has also reported that the process of disciplinary action is under progress against persons found responsible for the delay in forwarding the pension options.